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**ACTION SHOT**—Shown in a tense moment during a recent game, the McGuire basketball team, as yet undefeated, demonstrates to both opponents and spectators just how it's done. Making the shot here is team captain Charlie Wolf. For news of the team, turn to the back page.

## Vanguard Departs as Holiday Exodus Begins

The vanguard of approximately 900 patients who applied for holiday furloughs through the Christmas Travel Bureau will depart for their homes next Monday.

They are patients who live in the Ninth Service Command. Their furloughs are for 33 days.

The exodus will continue throughout next week reaching a climax one week from tomorrow, Dec. 15, when Third Service Command patients leave the hospital. Their furloughs are for 21 days.

Capt. John M. Sisley, coordinator of the hospital's Christmas furlough plan, said that many of the Third Service Command patients will be on the 8:40 a. m. train so it will be necessary for them to pick up their clothing promptly at 6:00 a. m. and their furloughs at 8:00 a. m. on the day of departure.

In addition to the 900 patients whose furloughs and transportation are being handled by the travel bureau, many others have already left and are continuing to leave daily for their homes to spend 30 to 90 day temporary duty furloughs. Today the travel bureau office in the reconditioning office is crowded with patients purchasing their tickets from representatives of railroad and bus lines.

Patients traveling by railroad are purchasing tickets this afternoon. Those traveling by bus purchased their tickets this morning.

Capt. Sisley has announced that transportation will be provided for patients from the hospital to the railroad and bus stations. Vehicles will leave from the rear of the reconditioning warehouse (building 420), which is opposite the baggage room.

### Extra! Extra! Extra!

Arrangements are now being completed for a new class in journalism to be taught in the study center, Ward 58, by Lt. Chris Edmonds, personal affairs officer. Lt. Edmonds was formerly on the staff of the Associated Press.

## Milton Berle Heads Bond Show Here

Top-heavy with star talent, the Tom Slater revue featuring Milton Berle will appear at the Mosque on Sunday in another of the rallies designed to spur the sale of Victory bonds in this area.

A sizable allotment of tickets has been set aside for patients at McGuire.

Devoting his day off from the show, "Spring in Brazil," Berle is making a quickie visit to Richmond from Washington where the musical comedy in which he has the lead is playing currently.

Backing Berle on the bond show is a fine array of performers of a caliber seldom seen on one stage in these parts. Patsy Garrett, Dave Elman of "Hobby Lobby" radio fame; tenor Danny O'Neil from CBS; Jay Jostyn, the Mr. District Attorney of the air waves; Robert Pagent, Peter Birch and Bambi Linn, all from the smash musical "Carousel"; the Harding sisters, a singing trio, and many more celebrities have been promised for the show here.

Sports announcer Tom Slater of the Mutual Broadcasting System will pace the revue as master of ceremonies.

While admission to the general public is reserved only to purchasers of the Victory bonds, patients at McGuire will be able to see the show through the customary procedure of getting their names listed with the Red Cross.

## 60th Station Hospital to Train at MGH

The vanguard of the 60th Station hospital arrived at McGuire over the weekend from Camp Sibert, Ala., under command of Capt. Sam B. Liu, MC.

Fourteen officers and 15 enlisted men made up the advance party.

Under a reorganization program the strength of the unit has been reduced to 122 enlisted men. All of them are expected to be at McGuire within the next two or three weeks, coming from reception centers throughout the country.

Only low-point men are being assigned to the unit.

Three double-winged barracks at headquarters detachment have been assigned to the hospital unit which is maintaining headquarters for the time being in the headquarters detachment orderly room.

The men are being assigned to parallel training in the hospital as rapidly as they arrive. This means, for example, that ward attendants are being assigned to ward work and personnel men are assigned to the personnel office. The usual length of time for this type of training is three months.

Lt. Bernard Helicher is the dental officer with the unit.

Other officers, all of whom come from inactivated units at Camp Sibert and are members of the Medical Administrative Corps include:

Lt. James J. Maher, Lt. William L. Schneck, Lt. Robert F. Schnettler, Lt. George W. Neville, Lt. Robert W. Stachwick, Lt. Samuel Tuminella, Lt. Robert Wilcox, Lt. Louis W. Stark, Lt. George B. Alford, Lt. Aaron J. Jaffee, Lt. Vernon H. Merritt and Lt. Sidney A. Winborne.

## Push-Button Projectors To Improve Ward Films

The latest thing in the way of motion picture projection machines has arrived at McGuire.

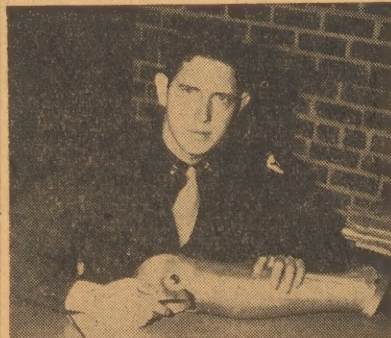
It is the portable cabinet type projector which works automatically. Simply press a button, after plugging in the power, and a full-length movie begins to unroll before the built-in screen which is the front upper half of the machine. At the end of the picture the machine stops automatically.

## Metal Limb Project Gets Research Man

"We all know that the primary purpose of this or any general hospital is to satisfy the requirements of its patients. Since McGuire is an amputee center, our problem is to make the best kind of prosthesis for those who need them," said Lt. John M. McKee, recently appointed project engineer of the orthopedic brace and prosthesis shop.

Sent here as a trouble shooter in the Surgeon General's plan to develop a better prosthesis for amputees, Lt. McKee will work on McGuire's own project, the development of the metal limb. \$40,000 was allocated by the War Department to this hospital in September for research on this project.

"I am extremely interested," he stated, "in any suggestions for limb



LT. JOHN M. MCKEE

improvements the patients might have and particularly wish to examine immediately any prosthesis on which failure has occurred."

Lt. McKee emphasized his desire to have the patient bring their gripes about artificial limbs directly to him, as corrections cannot be made without knowledge of the specific defect.

Aluminum tubing is a new innovation in the field of artificial legs. The limb parts are bought directly from the manufacturer then assembled and fitted to the patients specification and comfort.

There are two objectives in metal prosthesis; to improve the present type leg and to consider new types of legs and joints.

McGuire's research program on the metal prosthesis will consist of investigating metals and alloys, determining proper weight and strength of limb, developing welding and bonding methods, devising methods to avoid possible corrosion and handling manufacturing problems and fitting technique.

Lt. McKee, a native of Pennsylvania, was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1940. Prior to entering active duty he was engaged in aluminum research.

His present duties will be concerned with research and development aimed towards improving metal artificial limbs.

Six of the new type projectors arrived at McGuire several days ago. Lt. John R. Lees, chief of the signal branch, is now completing arrangements for their ward debuts, scheduled for next week.

The machines were engineered by the Army Signal Corps for use by the Surgeon General in hospitals throughout the nation. They are especially designed to show films to bed patients.

"The compactness and mobility of the projector makes it adaptable for use on wards which have a capacity of from two to eight beds," Lt. Lees said. "The automatic features reduce the required number of trained projectionists to a minimum."

In outward appearance the machines are almost exact replicas of the dime-in-slot movies that appeared shortly before the war in taverns over the country. The chief difference is that the McGuire machine is capable of showing a full-length picture while the earlier machines showed only short scenes.

The machines sent here are equipped with splicing equipment which makes it possible to join films together to make a single continuous reel.

The projection machine is located in the lower half of the cabinet and the picture is reflected onto the screen in the upper half through a series of tilted mirrors.

The new machines will supplement the work-load of the conventional 16mm projectors in showing identical films in the wards.

Equipped with rollers, the cabinet machine can be moved easily from ward to ward.

Lt. Lees is now working with the reconditioning office to ascertain where the machines are most needed. The projectors, according to present plans, will remain permanently in the buildings to which they are assigned.

Present plans call for a change of film each week. It is believed that it will require that length of time to show the picture in all of the wards.

Lt. Lees said that complete coverage of the hospital is planned.

## Type "O" Donors In Urgent Demand

Blood donors are urgently needed at the laboratory. Miss Rose Ann Bichi, laboratory technician, explained that the increasing number of detachment and patient donors being discharged and transferred has reduced the amount of donors to a minimum.

A great many paraplegics, emergencies, and amputation cases require daily transfusions, and at present there is a critical shortage of type O donors.

Personnel willing to donate blood are requested to register immediately at the laboratory.

## He Wants To Sell Apples

A WAC interviewer at the Fort Lewis Separation Center was trying to convince a GI about to be discharged of the value of investing in Victory bonds. "You don't want to end up selling apples, do you?" she warned. "You bet I do," the soldier replied with sudden interest. "I own an apple orchard in Wenatchee."



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Writer's Cramp

Thought in passing: The other day we read in the paper how construction on the 200-inch telescope on the top of Mount Palomar, near Pasadena, California, was being resumed, after a war-time halt. The article went on to stress that now the keys to the kingdom were being dangled before us. The telescope might disclose the shape, size and origin of the universe. The "eye," as the giant 'scope is called, is one million times more keen than the best human 20-20 peepers. The project is another of those marvels of science which, like the atom bomb, is becoming accepted as a commonplace.

It occurs to us that the astronomers on Palomar peak may be in search of new worlds. There ain't no hidin' place down here, any more.

It may be a little late for comment, but the incident should not go unnoticed.

During the Armistice Day celebrations just passed, planners in a not-too-distant community came up with a stunt that was startlingly novel, in addition to being in shocking poor taste.

According to the information we received, the sponsors of the celebration conceived the idea of having a make-believe unknown soldier arise from a real casket. At some point during the observance the "corpse" was scheduled to emerge from the coffin and proceed to give utterance to thoughts inspired by the occasion. Arrangements were made by the committee to guard the coffin by an escort of soldiers, sailors and marines.

Unfortunately, the information which we possess fails to mention the nature of the planned oration. But, if it was in keeping with all the prolix platitudes, the rancid rhetoric and the lousy logorrhea that features the greater number of these "celebrations," then it would have been better to have had the coffin nailed shut till the blowing of the final trumpet.

There is no audience anywhere in the world that would sit patiently or expectantly to hear the kind of message that would come from one whose life was lost in defense of his country.

Our ears and eyes have been dulled in their perception. Our responses have been slowed by a kind of conditioning which shuts out the realities of truth with the same determination we employ to keep an unwelcome visitor from trespassing on our property.

These self-appointed little Messiahs who attempt to resurrect the dead for publicity purposes are tempting the fates. The sands in the world's hour-glass are receding rapidly. We may all learn the answers soon to the eternal verities from the original source.

Bombs away!

And now for a sweet-scented note. Philip Wylie, a critic for whom we have a great deal of respect, contends that all advertising is slanted to make women more desirable to men. While Wylie phrases his preposition in franker language than we are able to print in public, the thought is the same. He continues in an essay in "Generation of Vipers" that all advertising—and this applies to commodities as well as luxuries—makes the same appeal to women, since they are the bulk of the nation's shoppers.

While it may be less obvious in merchandising such prosaic items as floor wax or other kitchen commodities, the trend begins to take a definite direction beginning with breakfast foods for health and ending with such things as would make us blush to mention here.

Nowhere is Wylie supported so strongly as in the perfume ads. Here the ad writers pull out all the stops in their efforts to make the female sex more desirable and seductive.

Calculated to awaken every mood, the names of these perfumes reek with the sleazy passion of milady's boudoir. Originally, the French had a monopoly on the trade-marks of allure.

L'Aimant, Crepe de Chine, A Bientot, Je Reviens and the various Chanel numbers were well represented on the dressing tables of scent-wise women.

Not to be outdone, American compounders are coming up with such ingenious titles as Aphrodisia, Frenzy, Perhaps, Danger, Heartbeat, Surrender, Tabu, Sleeping, Shocking, Gallivanting, Moment Supreme, Opening Nite, New Horizons, Indiscreet, My Alibi, Golden Hour, Reflexions, Secrets of Suzy, and Escape.

These are but a few among the many. More such—if you can still stand it—are White Flame, White Lace, White Shoulders, Frolic, Beau Catcher, Discovery, April Showers, and Saint and Sinner.

All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten their little hands is the quotation from Macbeth we recall at the moment.

Spray us with a little of that stuff, madame.

—D. F.

SEPARATION POINT

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Who's going to discharge us?

McGUIRE

On the Air

OPEN HOUSE AT McGUIRE

Saturday 5:00-5:30 p.m. WRVA  
HEAR special music by McGuire Band.

MONKEYSHINES AT McGUIRE

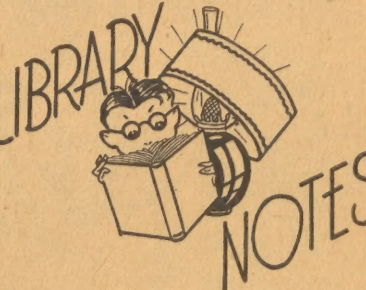
Wednesday, 7:30-8:00 p.m. WRNL  
HEAR AND SEE this hilarious quiz show at the Red Cross. Fun begins at 7 p.m.

OKAY AMERICA

Tues., 9:30-10 p.m. WRVA  
HEAR and SEE this entertaining Show starring patients and me'd by Joe Brown, transcribed in ARC auditorium. Show begins at 7 p.m.



DRY RUN—When the Supreme Court meets to rule on the fate of Esquire magazine, the whole case will hinge on whether the Varga girl shown here is or is not "information of a public character." The magazine faces the loss of its second-class mailing permit in a two-year-old suit instigated by opponents of pin-ups.



By Suzanne McLaurin Connell

We have just read an article of such interest that it must be shared with you. It is called "Desert Island Reading on Formosa," by Brig. Gen. Clinton A. Pierce, and is in The Saturday Review of Literature for November 24.

As the subtitle states, "a repatriated prisoner of war recounts the cultural side of his captivity." General Pierce was captured at Bataan and was a prisoner of the Japanese for fifteen months at Shidehara Prison Camp in Formosa.

At this camp there were two thousand books which had been sent by the Japanese YMCA. As General Pierce says, "Being cut off from all normal activities, our great solace was reading." The six hundred prisoners read voraciously. At first General Pierce was handicapped by the loss of his glasses through a "monkey trick" of a Japanese guard, but he soon learned to read without glasses—quite a feat for a man of fifty accustomed for years to the use of glasses.

Especially revealing are the paragraphs in which General Pierce selects the twenty-five best books out of the two thousand and gives the reasons for his choice. As General Pierce states so graphically, "Remember, you are reading under conditions of extreme isolation, worry and strain. If you were like us, you would select books that could sustain interest over a long period, not quickies which cannot satisfy. Many of us lost our taste for whodunits, light novels, love stuff, and modern adventure stories. Probably we had been through all the adventure we could take. Our taste was for serious reading."

General Pierce's list of books is an interesting example of "desert island" reading. John Galsworthy rated high with three of his fine novels on English life; David Grayson, "a sort of American Galsworthy," appealed because he writes so beautifully of life in America; Robert Louis Stevenson's excellent historical novels made good "escape reading"; Will James's "Smoky" and Eric Knight's "Lassie, Come Home" were deeply cherished because "they reminded us vividly of our love for horses and dogs, while imprisoned by people who care and do so little for dumb animals."

Broadway Commandos

New York—A seldom-seen ribbon is cropping up nowadays on soldiers parading on Broadway. It's the Rhineland Occupation ribbon, which was awarded for service in Germany following World War I. Some of the present wearers of this ribbon had not even been born during that occupation.

GL SHAVINGS

BY

JOE and JOSIE

McGUIRE

Along with the winning streak of the McGuire Generals there are those who attribute the success of the team to the unsung task performed for the quintet by Cpl. Ralph Phillips, trumpeter of the McGuire blues-blowers.

Phillips, the BANNER's man of the week, (who the — is Time magazine anyway?) has the thankless job of peeling oranges for the hoopsters to suck on during the half. Not yet subsidized by the Citrus Growers association of America, Ralph has the usual aversion of horn-blowers to lemons.

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Speaking of the team, as who isn't these days, the bobby sox

plague has arrived at McGuire. Chuck Coggins and Sid Diamond who scrub themselves to little pieces in the showers after sweat raising sessions on the bench, had a taste of popularity usually reserved only for those as great as Sinatra or Van Johnson.

At one crucial point during the game with Camp Lee, a cheering section of beribboned females was heard screaming and swooning all over the gym demanding that dear Coggins and beloved Sidney go in and give their all for dear old McGuire.

Both sat there transfixed to their seats, unmoved, unhonored, but not unsung.

Bars and Stripes

To Staff Sergeant

Sgt. Pauline Changes  
Sgt. Connie M. Breeden  
Sgt. Frances V. Urbanowicz

To Technician Third Grade

Sgt. Ruth K. Swetland  
Tec 4 Louisa C. Re  
Tec 4 Emily S. Kennedy  
Tec 4 Emily S. Kennedy  
Tec 4 Veronica E. Kirby  
Tec 4 Sarah B. Marshall

To Sergeant

Cpl. Marie E. Wallace  
Cpl. Margaret V. Wolfe  
Tec 5 Pearl M. Womble

To Technician Fourth Grade

Tec 5 Nita Zimmerman  
Tec 5 Laura C. Campbell  
Tec 5 Mary E. Kenna  
Tec 5 Mary F. Sullivan

To Technician Fifth Grade

Pvt. Blossom D. Voynich

Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT

Midweek Service Wednesday evenings .....6:30 p.m.  
Conference Room 12, Building 303.  
Daily Services, Monday through Saturday inclusive, 8:00 a.m. in Red Cross lounge.  
Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.  
and, at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room, Bldg. 303.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass .....8:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Daily Mass:  
Mon., Thurs., Sat. ....5:00 p.m.  
Tues. and Fri. ....6:00 a.m.  
Confessions Sat.....6:30-8:00 p.m.

JEWISH

Friday Services.....7:00 p.m.



POST THEATRE

Week of Friday, December 7,

Show for patients at 8:15 p.m.; for duty personnel at 8:15 p.m., daily. Matinee every Sunday at 2 p.m.

FRIDAY — "Allotment Wives," with Kay Francis, Paul Kelly.

SATURDAY—"Pillow of Death," With Lon Chaney, Brenda Joyce.

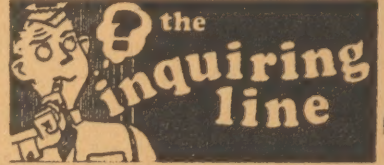
SUNDAY & MONDAY—"What Next, Corporal Hargrove?" with Robert Walker, Keenan Wynn.

TUESDAY—"My Name Is Julia Ross," with Nina Foch, George Macready.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—"The Stork Club," with Betty Hutton, Barry Fitzgerald, Don DeFore.

FRIDAY—"Snafu," with Robert Benchley, Vera Vague, Conrad Janis.

Chicago—Neurotic Al Arati was thirsty. So he jumped from a bridge into the river, drank his fill and swam to shore. Awaiting him was an ambulance, a pulmotor and a cop. The latter arrested Al on a disorderly conduct charge.



the inquiring line

By Major R. A. Murphy

Q. What precedence do the various decorations and service medals take when worn?

A. AR 600-40 states the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Medal of Merit, Good Conduct Medal, should be worn in that order of precedence followed by service medals (theatre ribbons) in order of the date of the service performed, on the left breast in order from right to left of the wearer about four inches below the middle point of the top of the shoulder, in one or more lines. When more than one line is worn, the lines will overlap.

Q. Can an officer receiving retirement pay qualify for educational benefits under the GI Bill of Rights?

A. Yes, according to information contained in Veterans Administration Pamphlet 44, he may choose to take advantage of this section of the GI Bill of Rights. However, no subsistence will be paid during period for which officer receives retirement pay.

Q. When I get my discharge, I want to go to California. How are my chances of buying a farm there?

A. According to Ralph W. Hollenberg, regional director for California of the Farm Security Administration, your chances aren't good. He says there are only 133,000 farms in California and only a few of these are for sale.

## 36 Wheel Chairs Given to Patients

Additional McGuire patients were assured of holiday furloughs at home with the arrival this week of 36 collapsible wheel chairs.

The wheel chairs, which have been approved by Col. P. E. Duggins, hospital commanding officer, were received by Mrs. Harriet Anthony, field director of the Red Cross.

They were donated to the Red Cross by the Camp and Hospital Council which is composed of residents of Richmond and Chesterfield and Henrico counties. Many organizations and individuals contributed to the fund for the chairs.

"These collapsible wheel chairs will give more handicapped patients an opportunity to get home over Christmas," Mrs. Anthony said. "It would have been impossible otherwise for them to travel."

She said the chairs were "badly needed" as the number on hand at the hospital was not sufficient to meet demands.

The collapsible chairs can be taken by the patients on train, plane or automobile and can be used while they are home.



# Building Boom Due Soon Will Provide Many Jobs

When it comes, the boom in the building and construction industry will be a beaut, but the "when" may not come for some time. A tremendous backlog of work exists—new housing, factories, office space, public works, and maintenance work deferred on account of war.

In due time, this boom will afford hundreds of thousands of jobs, for skilled workers in nearly a hundred crafts, and for a host of unskilled men. But shortages of materials and the hope of many in the field to wait out the removal of price and rent ceilings is causing delay. The boom therefore may not come for six months or more.

War-time construction was below that during the bottom of the depression. But, according to the U. S. Dept. of Labor, postwar construction for five years will exceed the best five-year period before the war, which took place in the mid-20's. Says the Labor Dept., the volume of work will probably exceed 10.9 billions, at 1940 cost levels. Of this total, 6.1 billions were reported in the design stage as of Jan. 1, 1945, and there were nearly three times as many proposed projects which had not gotten that far.

You can see that that represents a lot of jobs, inasmuch as one out of 17 workers in the U. S. labor force as of 1940 was directly engaged in new construction and maintenance activities. Three-fourths of these, according to the American Society of Civil Engineers, were skilled. Most important crafts, in order, were carpenters, painters, electricians, plumbers and steam-fitters, machinery operators, and masons.

For vets, therefore, things look good—or will when the building boom gets going. Lewis H. Brown, president, Johns-Manville Corp., one of the biggest makers of building materials in the business, foresees that 4 to 5 million will be working in the field by 1945, of which 1,270,000 jobs will be filled, he predicts, from veterans alone. An indication of the need is seen in the fact that last summer 75% of the workmen were over 43, whereas the figure was 50% before the war.

Brown predicts that if all 600,000 servicemen who came from the industry return to their jobs, there will still be more than 1,000,000 jobs to fill. Some 450,000 alone will be needed as salesmen, sales managers, officers, warehouse, and yard personnel. Moreover, Brown continues, the 1,000,000 who worked before the war in factories making building materials will be considerably increased.

Brown's own company recently broke ground on a six-building research project in Bound Brook, N. J., the beginning of a \$40,000,000 expansion program which is expected to provide 25% more jobs than the 12,000 which Johns-Manville provided before Pearl Harbor.

U. S. Gypsum another important factor in the field says that it expects a growth from 7,200 to 10,000, but believes that its labor requirements will be met by vets who formerly worked for the company. Otis Elevator Co. writes that its personnel needs for installations and modernizations will be double that during the period from 1930 to 1940.

As for pay, the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the average weekly earnings of union wage earners in the field were \$50.18 for a 39-hour week. Today union bricklayers in New York are making more than the union scale of \$14 for a 7-hour day, indicating the great need for their services. However, while work should be steady during the boom, it is notoriously seasonal in normal times.

The industry is pretty thoroughly unionized, primarily by the AFL, and some internationals make entrance difficult for apprentices and other non-members.

In some quarters, there is a forecast of the tremendous growth of prefabricated housing. Undoubtedly, there will be an expansion, but that it will eliminate or seriously affect normal construction is questionable. For one thing, there is an insufficient degree of public acceptance. Moreover, both contractors and labor are opposing any such trend.

# Quota Near; Bond Drive On Last Lap

McGuire's Victory Loan drive entered the last lap this week with 87 percent of the \$98,429 goal already subscribed. An accounting showed payroll deductions and cash sales totaling \$85,816.

Chaplain Edward W. Eanes, assistant savings officer, emphasized that the campaign in military installations does not end until Dec. 31.

"I don't want people in the hospital, particularly civilian employees, to let down because the campaign for the public at large ends Dec. 3," he said. "For us the drive continues until the end of December."

With a goal of \$53,429, civilian employees have purchased \$24,507 worth of bonds through payroll deductions and \$7,350 in cash sales for a total of \$31,857.

Figuring payroll deductions for this month, civilian employees will have to make cash purchases of approximately \$4,000 worth of bonds to reach their quota, Chaplain Eanes said.

A brighter picture is presented by the hospital's military personnel which has accounted for \$43,959 towards its objective of \$45,000. The total was reached through \$16,015 in cash sales and \$27,944 in payroll deductions.

The canvass of military personnel has not been completed and final returns are expected to swell the total considerably above the quota.

Chaplain Eanes said he was highly gratified that the total cash sales in the hospital amount to \$23,365 but hopes that this will be boosted to \$28,00 before the drive ends.

# New Rules Qualify Many for Discharge

With the release by the War Department of the new qualifications for discharge, a number of detachment personnel are having rosy visions of the long voyage home.

Qualifying for discharge under the provision of having four years of active duty in the Army are: T-Sgt. Byrum Cade, T-5 Tony Dente, S-Sgt. Vito Guarrea, T-4 James A. Schact, Cpl. Don Street and Cpl. Sam Romalino.

Proud possessors of from 55 to 60 points are Pfc. Maxwell Anderson, T-Sgt. John Atmanchik, T-4 Thomas L. Byers, T-5 Ernest Carpen, T-4 Cyril Christy, Sgt. Orville M. Crickenberger, Pfc. Carl Cupido, Pvt. Joe Gallick, T-4 Louis F. Hutchinson, T-5 Nelson Leverage, Sgt. Clarence W. McCauley, Sgt. Alexander Mark, S-Sgt. Irving Perry, Cpl. Roy Price, T-5 Donald Rawlings, T-5 Sam Romalino, Cpl. Frank S. Rowley, Jr., Pfc. John Scarberry, T-5 Clayton E. Schumann, T-4 Ralph Staley, Pfc. M. P. Terragrossa, Sgt. Woodrow Williams, Cpl. Joseph E. Wright, Pfc. Lewis Eding, Pfc. Johnny Fegundes, Cpl. Stanley Hennon and S-Sgt. Joseph J. Krause.

Enlisted women with 32 points soon to be separated from military life are S-Sgt. Alice A. Andrews, Cpl. M. R. Lichtenberger, and T-4 Rebecca Starke.

# A Capella, Fella! A Xmas Choir, Squire!

Lt. Josef Privette, music director for the hospital, reports that interest in the hospital's chorus is on the upswing. The group is practicing regularly in anticipation of Xmas.

The nucleus of the choral group includes Pfc. John Clark, Pfc. Harry Garton, Lt. Ward S. Jenkins, Pfc. John Thomas, Sgt. Michael Kearney, Lt. Saul Jacobson, T-5 John Staples and Cpl. Eugene Bateman.

# School Kids Sell Bonds To Aid Vets

Perhaps you don't know what a decalomania is (decal, for short); so the BANNER, alert as ever, shall explain:

It is a small decorative panel that is causing war bond sales to spurt in the schools of Virginia and other states.

Or, according to Webster: "A process of transferring pictures and designs from specially prepared paper to china, glass, etc."

The decals—8½" x 2 1/4"—are awarded to schools on the completion of a bond drive for \$3,000 which is the estimated cost of hospital facilities for one veteran.

Many of these panels will soon decorate the beds of McGuire patients. Quite a number of them will be transferred to the beds by the school pupils themselves.

Schools in Virginia are now completing their bond drives and to date 57 of the panels have been received at McGuire. This represents \$171,000 in bonds.

The Lee Maury elementary school at Bowling Green, Va., is out in front with 23 panels, representing \$69,000 worth of bonds. In second place is the E. C. Glass high school in Lynchburg, Va. with 17 panels or \$51,000 worth of bonds.

Other panels have been received from schools in Richmond, Blackstone, Petersburg, Penola, Newport News, Bluefield and Sparta.

Army, Navy and Air Force officials authorized the figure of \$3,000 as an estimate of the many and diversified types of equipment used constantly to speed the recovery of wounded servicemen.

Operating tables, X-ray machines, therapeutic lamps, splints, whirlpool baths, wheel chairs, diathermy apparatus and cardiographs help to provide the care which may mean the difference between invalidism and normal living for thousands of men.



DO YOU KNOW HIM?  
PVT. RALPH L. JASKAN

# Information About 2 Soldiers Wanted

Two urgent appeals have been directed at readers of the BANNER for information concerning a soldier reported missing in action and a lieutenant killed in action on the Normandy beach head.

Pvt. Ralph L. Jaskan of Co. "H", 262nd Infantry was reported missing in action. His mother has written in the hope that someone, somewhere might be able to give her some news about Ralph, her only son. The BANNER reprints a photo of the missing soldier hoping that it may aid Mrs. Jaskan in her quest.

Anyone with information concerning this soldier may communicate with Mrs. Anna Jaskan, 4640 No. 5th St., Philadelphia, Penna.

Brig. Gen. Vincent Meyer, a patient in ward 45 here is interested in some word about the late 1st Lt. James Monteith, Co. "L", 16th Infantry, 1st Division who was killed in France. Lt. Monteith was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously. Gen Meyer is particularly anxious to locate anyone who knew or served with Lt. Monteith.

# Clothes, Props or Passes; Busy Baggage Room Has It

Resembling a huge second-hand clothing store in the middle of Grand Central Station, the baggage room is referred to fondly as Siberia by the patients and as McGuire's "mad house" by personnel working in it.

Nevertheless, the baggage room disposes efficiently of countless matters pertaining to clothing. The patient stores his baggage there upon arrival, requisitions new clothing, deposits laundry and dry cleaning and eventually turns in his excess GI clothes before reporting for separation.

Patients possessing a Class A pass are issued clothing before leaving. Upon returning from pass, each patient checks in at the baggage room and swaps his "town" suit for GI tailored pyjamas and lounging robe. A dressing room is provided for quick-change artists.

However, there is the matter of signing in and out. A register book is provided for this military formality and kept in the baggage room. Unfortunately, this little book is routed to the A&D office at 8 a.m. daily, the deadline on Class A passes. The patient who is a trifle late in returning is forced to chase after the little book and render appropriate alibis for his tardiness.

Lt. Pat Brewer, commanding officer of the department of patients, lends a tolerant ear to these alibis. He expresses sympathy for those lads whose trains are delayed; those who may suffer from sudden stomach upsets, or those who fail to be awakened by room clerks. He is really perturbed by the number of wives who are "deserting" their husbands—always just before they are about to return to the hospital.

Occasionally, extremes in tardiness are reached. Such cases require no small amount of tact. A patient, AWOL since October 13th, finally wrote a rather plaintive request for an extension. Lt. Brewer

replied, and, quite nicely, to the effect that McGuire wasn't the same without him, and it would be appreciated if he returned in the near future, meaning immediately. There has been no response to date.

At one time the baggage room was a catch-all for war souvenirs such as propeller parts, firearms, jewelry and live and stuffed animals; a warehouse of stuff to put any hock shop to shame. These picturesque items have disappeared, being replaced largely by clothes.

# Cash Given Instead Of Electric Washer

A financial report will be made at the monthly meeting of Civilian Recreation Center next Tuesday evening in the club rooms, 601½ E. Main st., President Lloyd J. Striegel announced. Originally scheduled for last Tuesday, the meeting was postponed because of bad weather.

Lt. Ruth McGrorey, assistant director of nurses training, won the washing machine with number 3145. She will get a check for \$169.50.

Out west, a new type of chain letter, using wives instead of dimes for currency, promised each man who kept up the chain 16,781 women (for one).

# “ . . . I Salute You ”

The following general order issued by headquarters of the Third Service Command and addressed to all military and civilian personnel by Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes, commanding general, is reprinted by the BANNER for its significance and timeliness.

During the past two years, since 1 December 1943, I have commanded the Third Service Command, Army Service Forces.

In this period the Third Service Command has accomplished much. The teamwork manifested consistently by our personnel, military and civilian, has been responsible for our enviable position. We have come through during the most critical period in the history of our great Nation. Two years ago the Army Service Forces in this great tri-State area were demonstrating those fine qualities of co-operation and thoroughness that have never lagged. They have since maintained without restraint, the zeal and the will that enabled us to give substantial assistance in meeting the requirements of our fighting forces on the far flung battlefronts of the war. I can repeat what I have said previously—that each and every one of you has done a grand job. I am happy to again salute you for your achievements.

The fighting war is over. The victory has been won. But our work is not finished. The Army Service Forces cannot rest on their well earned laurels. We of the Third Service Command must carry on through this ensuing period of transition in a manner befitting our past record.

I appreciate the fine work that has been done. There is none of you unaware of the many changes that will be made. As the military strength of the Command declines with demobilization, new and greater responsibilities will accrue to the civilian personnel. Where a soldier will doff his or her uniform, a great part of the necessary work remaining will be done by a civilian. The pace which in these past two years in particular has been exacting, will lessen. There will be more time for leisurely enjoyment of the fruits of victory and the peace that has been won. But these things will not come about over night. A start has been made, and every man and woman, military and civilian, in every rank and position will continue that same efficiency which has brought us so far. Now is the time, more than ever, for new ideas. Based on our war-time experience, we must all lend our energies and our thinking, to the further development and improvement of our operations. I realize that many of our civilian workers who came to us for war-time service will be returning to the normal peace-time pursuits. We are very appreciative of the work they have done. We are happy to welcome back those former employees who have been away as members of the Armed Forces. They will bring a new enthusiasm and understanding of the workings of the Army as they return to our service in increasing numbers. New responsibilities will rest with our military personnel and there must be strict observance by this group of all manifestations of military courtesy. Our future Army, now being built, will have critical and expert observation, and there must be no backsliding to ways of slovenliness and carelessness. From our mutual experiences in our service we have gained new concepts of the vital contribution made to our national success by the civil populace. We must not fail to recognize this.

Ours has been a task without glamour, but our prestige is high. The Third Service Command of the Army Service Forces faces the future with confidence and high morale.

PHILIP HAYES  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Commanding



# Generals Get Fourth in Row; Lee Bows

## Rhodes Nets 20 Points; McGuiremen Win 44-41

The Generals from McGuire made it four in a row when they beat the quintet from Camp Lee's Quartermaster School here last Tuesday night in a rough-and-tumble game that went into an overtime period. When the smoke of battle cleared, the Generals had the QM boys packaged as neatly as a bag of GI beans. The final score was 44-41.

Before a crowd estimated at a 1,000 the visitors from Lee started out at a furious pace, taking an 11-point lead in the first few minutes of play. Charlie Wolf, team captain for the Generals broke the ice for McGuire when he scored the team's first point, sinking a foul shot.

From that point on, the Generals began to push forward. At the half, Lee was ahead by a score of 18-12.

It was not until the last quarter that the Generals managed to catch up with the "schoolboys." During the early part of that period, MGH tied the score 24-24. From there on in, the local quint took and held the lead. In the last thirty seconds of play hope for a quick victory went glimmering when the one-basket lead enjoyed by McGuire was negated by a beautiful shot made from the far court by Cpl. Hoch of Camp Lee. The whistle blew ending the last half with the score tied at 35 all.

With two minutes left of the five minute overtime period and the score still tied at 41 all, the dead-lock was broken and the game sewed up when three technical fouls were called against the visitors. "Dusty" Rhodes sank two and Wolf netted the other tally ending the game at 44-41.

Throughout the game the Camp Lee team was accused of using delaying tactics. Their insufficient reserves necessitated their using all five of their time-outs. When the officials penalized them Lee's coach hit the ceiling insisting that the local arbiters were not only blind but biased.

The game was marred by excessive roughness on the part of both teams. A total of 63 fouls was called during the course of the contest.

An amusing sidelight that fortunately resulted in no harm to the player involved, gave the crowd a hearty laugh. Weintraub, a Lee man, along with Rabin, a McGuire player, was sent sprawling to the gym floor in a mad scramble for possession of the ball. Rinaldi, the MGH sharpshooter, ran in and jumped directly on the ball, missing that object completely and landing instead on Weintraub's head. The Lee player was stunned for several minutes and was compelled to withdraw from the game.

A little later, seemingly recovered from the mishap, Weintraub re-entered the game and in his first play collided with Rhodes who sent him flying through the air and onto the gym floor for the second time.

Outstanding player for McGuire in the contest was Lt. Ray Rhodes who accounted for 20 points. Cpl. Hoch of Lee was the high scorer for the evening with a neat 23 tallies. Rhodes specialty shot is one in which he turns away from the basket while hooking the ball over his

head with his right hand. His accuracy with this shot had the crowd gasping.

Other standouts in the Lee game were two youngsters still serving their apprenticeship in the Army. They are "Windy" Windnagle who has a scholarship at Oregon University waiting and Russ Cromwell, an Ohio athlete who was all-county forward as a member of the school team at New Madison.

The girls team had their usual hard luck in dropping a badly played game against Manchester high school from Richmond. The score was 42-22. This was the girls third loss in a row.

A new coach has been appointed to mentor the girls' sextet. Miss Margie Dunn of the registrar's office here and former high scorer of last year's successful girl's team was given the job of making the girls straighten up and fly right.

Friday night the Generals will face the 1300th MP Bn. from Richmond. Coach Al Bianco promises to use all of his reserves in that game starting two regulars with three reserve players. The girls will meet the Wac team from Camp Patrick Henry in the opener. The games will be played in the gym here.

On Monday, in another home game the McGuire teams will meet the Bellwood Engineers.

Thursday, the Generals travel 70 miles to Farmville where they will meet the five from Hampden-Sydney college in a game that is expected to be close. This will be the first game away from home for the McGuire boys.

Officiating in the game against Camp Lee were Sgt. Herb Goldberg and "Red" Driscoll, Richmond athlete.

### Rank To Be Permanent In Re-enlistment Drive

Army recruiting has just added a new incentive for prospective re-enlistees.

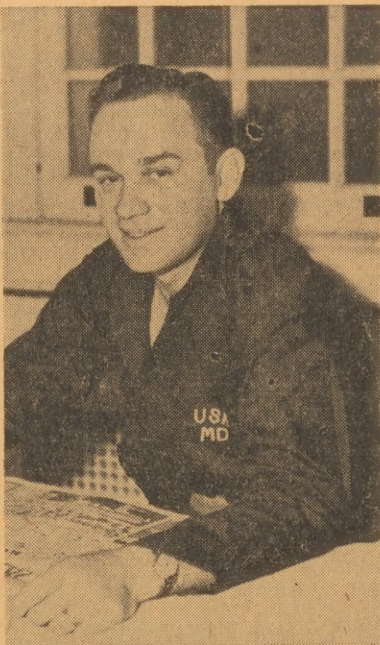
No longer will techs and master sergeants have to revert to the permanent grade of pfc. A new circular specifies that honorably discharged men enlisting within 20 days after discharge will be allowed to retain the rank held at time of discharge.

The new ruling is encouraging news for the private who has served at least six months. He will be re-enlisted in the grade of pfc.

Wichita, Kans. (CNS)—Vera De Vera became incensed when a house-painter accidentally spilled green paint on her lovely red hair. So, in retaliation, she slugged him in the mouth with the paint pot, dislodging five of his teeth.



FIVE STAR GENERALS—These are five of the topnotch players helping the McGuire basketball team maintain an unblemished record this season. This quint (from left to right) consists of Rinaldi, Rabin, Rhodes, team captain Wolf and Farris.



TOP-KICK—First Sergeant Al Chlebowsky, a patient in Ward 11, was the winner in the football contest just concluded by the BANNER. Possibly the sergeant's knowledge of the grid game is explained by the fact that his home is in South Bend, Ind., not too far from the campus of Notre Dame. In picking the final ballot, Al had ten right out of the twelve games listed.

In Portland, Ore., a jitterbug started cutting a rug with a toothpick in his mouth, and ended up in a hospital with an intestinal perforation.

## Spectator's Sports

Over \$900,000 was refunded to fans anxious to see the annual grid classic between the Army and the Navy. There just weren't enough seats to accommodate all the fans.

President Truman, conforming with tradition, rooted for both sides. At the end of the first half he switched over to the Navy side, but by that time it was too late to do the Middies much good.

Still, the Navy beat the Army last Saturday in a football game. This one was the first China Bowl game, played in Shanghai before a crowd of 10,000 GIs, many of whom hadn't seen a pigskin for two years or more.

Doc Blanchard was unable to pass the physical exam which would keep him in a naval training unit while he was going to college in 1942. Poetic justice.

The Chicago Cubs will operate a special spring training camp for returned war veterans to show their baseball skill. The camp, at Lake Worth, Florida, will operate from January 15 to March 14 of 1946.

Soldiers attempting to return to the ring are having a hard time winning fights. Lew Jenkins was kayoed in four rounds; Pacific Area Heavy Champ Al Hoosman dropped a decision to Lee Savold, and Jerry Berthiame, a Canuck mauler, was stopped by Tami Mauriello in the second round of his first big fight. Wonder how Conn and Louis will shape up?

The record crowd to witness a single basketball game was established in 1935 at Peiping, China, when 23,000 fans turned out to see the contest.

Crapshooter's hunch: Recently in a race at Gulf Stream Park, Florida, a horse named Come Eleben, whose post position was No. 7, won the race. Oddly enough, No. 11 finished second.

One of the oldest athletic organizations in the country, the Badminton Club of New York, has an unwritten law that only good-looking gals are eligible for membership. No pulchritude required from the stronger sex.

A one-armed pitcher, Hugh Dailey, still holds the strike-out record for a single game. He fanned 19 batters, as a member of the Chicago ball club during the '80s.

## Male Call

